NING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The studies on proverty are generally made from the National Sample Survey (NSS) data on consumer expenditure. The Planning Commission uses the quinquennial NSS data on consumer expenditure to estimate the incidence of poverty. The incidence of poverty for the two latest periods are estimated as 38.86% in 1987-88 and 35.97% in 1993-94.

(c) and (d) The Department of Statistics, Government of India, has sponsored and published a Study entitled "Counting the Poor" by Amaresh Dubey of North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Shubhashis Gangopadhyay of Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre and SERFA, wherein a alternative estimates of the incidence of poverty at national and for 77 NSS Regions, separately in rural and urban areas, have been made for the years 1987-88 and 1993-94 utilising the NSS consumer expenditure data of 43rd Round (July, 1987 to June, 1988) and 50th Round (July, 1993 to June 1994) respectively. The study concludes that there has been a decline in the incidence of poverty and an improvement of the conditions of the poor in 1993-94 over that in 1987-88 at the all-India level, and in both rural and urban areas. In addition, there has been an overll Improvement in the condition of the poor as indicated by the average per-capita total expenditure of the poor, which has increased by about 3% in 1993-94 over 1987-88 at constant prices.

Establishment of the District Rehabilitation Centres

2569. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has received proposals from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for establishing about 10 District Rehabilitation Centres;

(b) if so, when were these proposal received;

(c) the cost of these District Rehabilitation Centres; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing these proposals for the benefit or rehabilitating handicapped people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No Sir,

(b) to (d) Does not airse.

Review of schemes

2570. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reveiwed the performance of various on going schemes in the country;

(b) if so, the details of acheivements and short-comings observed therein. Statewise;

(c) the details of the performance of Central Sector Schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the details of the projects sanctioned, funds released, actually utilised and result thereof in the above Plan; Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMNTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of achievements made by presently ongoing projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above state-wise are given in attached Statement I. (*See* below).

(c) During the Eighth Plan, out of 533 Central Sector projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above including 157 spilled over from the 7th Plan monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation, 298 projects were completed, 44 projects were dropped of frozen due to fund and other constraints and 191 projects spilled over the Ninth Plan.

(d) During Eighth Plan 376 new projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above, were sanctioned. The release matches with the expenditure as the release were made according to the physical progress. During the Eighth Plan period the total release/expenditure was of the order of Rs. 50625 crores. The breakup of expenditure state-wise is given in the Statement II. (*See* below)

Statement I

Statewise States of Projects (As on 1.4.98)

Sl. No.	State	No. of Projects	Projects on Schedule	Projects behind Schedule	Projects with no date of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	38	13	14	11
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	—	1	1
3.	Assam	11	1	8	2
4.	Bihar	32	5	15	12
5.	Gujarat	23	9	9	5
6.	Haryana	6	2	2	2
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	—	1	—
8.	J & K	4	—	3	1
9.	Karnataka	15	1	7	7
10.	Kerala	13	5	5	3
11.	Madhya Pradesh	31	18	11	2
12.	Maharashtra	68	31	27	10
13.	Nagaland	1	—	1	—
14.	Orissa	24	4	10	10
15.	Punjab	6	1	2	3
16.	Rajasthan	8	1	3	4
17.	Sikkim	1	—	1	—
18.	Tamil Nadu	27	10	9	8
19.	Tripura	3	—	2	1
20.	Uttar Pradesh	29	8	11	10
21.	West Bengal	36	3	20	13
22.	A & N Islands	1	1	—	—
23.	Delhi	12	6	4	2
24.	Multistate	73	15	36	22
	All India	465	134	202	129

Statement-II

Statement of Release/Expenditure upto end of 8th Plan

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Projects	Cumulative Expenditure upto end of 8th Plan (Rs. crores)
1.	A.P.	40	1261.32
2.	Arunachal Pr.	1	92.57
3.	Assam	10	413.82
4.	Bihar	37	3418.77
5.	Goa	1	20.05
6.	Gujarat	40	2919.81
7.	Haryana	7	169.61
8.	Himachal Pr.	3	3207.19
9.	J & K	8	1616.27
10.	Karnataka	34	1087.26
11.	Kerla	13	923.67
12.	Madhya Pradesh	26	1049.70
13.	Maharashtra	59	5564.88
14.	Nagaland	1	65.10
15.	Orissa	23	1643.83
16.	Punjab	15	591.14
17.	Rajasthan	16	1616.63
18.	Sikkim	1	38.87
19.	Tamil Nadu	25	2434.17
20.	Tripura	2	8.74
21.	Uttar Pr.	23	2441.34
22.	West Bengal	47	62.9281
23.	A & N Island	1	72.05
24.	Delhi	5	49.98
25.	Multistate	95	13625.60
	All India	533	50625.18

Amendments to MPLAD Scheme

2571. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring about changes in the existing guidelines which come in the way of implementation of schemes/projects under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) resulting in hampering developmental activities and nonutilisation of funds;

(b) whether Government also propose to liberalise Rules governing such schemes/projects so that money is spent not only on small schemes but also on well-defined joint projects; and

(c) if so, the details of such changes and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF